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Larry Terrill, Board Chairman
Grizzly Lake CSD
119 Delleker Road
Portola, CA 96122

TRANSMITTAL OF CITATION NO. 01-02-14C-010

Dear Mr. Terrill,

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), Division of Drinking Water, has issued the Grizzly Lake Community Services District a citation, which is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call staff engineer Steve Watson at (530) 224-4828 or me at (530) 224-4800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. McNamara".

Michael J. McNamara, P.E.
Lassen District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosure: Citation No. 01-02-14C-010

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

TO: Grizzly Lake Community Services District
119 Delleker Road
Portola, CA 96122

Attn: Larry Terrill, Board Chairman

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1(b) - WATER SYSTEM NO. 3200107
C I T A T I O N N O . 01-02-14C-010
Issued on March 4, 2015**

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) (hereinafter "California SDWA"), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the Grizzly Lake Community Services District (hereinafter, District) (119 Delleker Road, Portola,

1 CA 96122) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section
2 64426.1 subsection (b).

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4 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

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6 **Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:**

7 (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation
8 of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted
9 thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The
10 citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail.
11 Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of
12 receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept
13 delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of
14 mailing.

15 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the
16 violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order,
17 citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

18 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the
19 condition constituting the violation.

20 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in
21 subdivision (e).

22 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed
23 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for
24 each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for
25 each violation.
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1 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1, subsection (b)**
2 **provides, in relevant part:**

3 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL
4 [maximum contaminant level] when any of the following occurs:

5 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per
6 month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total
7 coliform-positive; or

8 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples
9 per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive;
10 or

11 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

12 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-
13 positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.

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15 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**
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17 The District operates a community water system which serves a population of
18 approximately 215 people through 70 service connections. The water system
19 includes one well, known as the Crocker Mountain Well, and one distribution
20 reservoir, and two pressure zones. The District operates under a Water Supply
21 Permit No. 01-02-93(P)32065, issued on December 31, 1993.
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23 On August 4, 2014, a routine bacteriological sample was collected from the routine
24 sample location on Rocky Cliff Drive, and was found to contain total coliform bacteria.
25 Three repeat bacteriological samples were collected on August 6, 2014, from the
26 original routine sample location, 1598 Sierra Court, and from the Crocker Mountain
27 Well. All of these samples showed the presence total coliform bacteria. In



1 discussions with the operator, the Division learned that the repeat sample collected
2 from the well source was collected in such a way that it was most likely water from the
3 distribution system instead of being water directly from the Well. The Division then
4 instructed the operator to collect additional samples from the well to confirm or
5 disprove that the contamination was originating from the well. Three additional
6 samples were collected from the well on August 8, 2014, and were found to be absent
7 of total coliform bacteria.

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9 District personnel inspected the well head and distribution system for obvious signs of
10 contamination. Furthermore, District personnel reported no recent water outages or
11 maintenance that could have led to the contamination. On August 8, 2014, District
12 personnel disinfected and flushed the entire distribution system. Routine sampling of
13 the distribution system since that time has shown the water to be absent of total
14 coliform bacteria.

15 16 **DETERMINATION**

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18 Based on the above Statement of Facts the Division has determined that District
19 violated Section 64426.1(b)(2), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the District exceeded the
20 total coliform MCL during the month of August 2014.

21 22 **DIRECTIVES**

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24 The District is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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26 1. Comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring
27 periods.

2. Within 30 days of the issuance of this Citation, notify all persons served by the District of the MCL violation as required by Section 64463.4 and Section 64465, Title 22, of the CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance with each of the following:

a. Mail or direct delivery of the notice contained in Attachment A to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the District.

b. Provide the notice contained in Attachment A by publication in a local newspaper to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery:

Changes and/or modifications to Attachment A shall be not be made unless approved by the Division.

3. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public Notification" form within 10 days of giving public notice. A copy of the notice used to provide the public notification shall be attached to the form.

All documents required by this Citation to be submitted to the Division shall be submitted to the following address:

Michael J. McNamara, P. E.
Lassen District Engineer
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101
Redding, CA 96002



1 As used in this Citation, the date of issuance shall be the date of this Citation; and the
2 date of service shall be the date of service of this Citation, personal or by certified
3 mail, on the Water System.

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5 Nothing in this Citation relieves the District of its obligation to meet the requirements
6 of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking
7 Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted thereunder.

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9 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may
10 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
11 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

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13 **PARTIES BOUND**

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15 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the District, its officers, directors,
16 shareholders, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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18 **SEVERABILITY**

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20 The Directives of this Citation are severable, and the District shall comply with each
21 and every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

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23 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

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25 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of
26 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of
27 the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order



1 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation
2 identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the
3 Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public
4 water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to
5 comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various
6 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with
7 violates an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement
8 action by issuance of this citation.

Date

3/4/2015

Michael J. McNamara
Michael J. McNamara, P.E.
Lassen District Engineer
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board



Attachments:

'A' Public Notification Template

'B' Compliance Certification

CERTIFIED MAIL 7012 3460 0003 1113 0116

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in the GLCSD – Crocker/Welch Domestic Water System

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our water users, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants in the water system. During August 2014, we collected seven samples from our water system to test for the presence of coliform bacteria. Four of these samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

What Should You Do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What Does This Mean?

This is not an emergency. If it were, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliform bacteria are a signal that there may be a problem with our source of supply, storage, or distribution systems. Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.

What Happened? What Was Done?

On August 4, 2014, a routine bacteriological sample was collected from the routine sample location on Rocky Cliff Drive, and was found to contain total coliform bacteria. Three repeat bacteriological samples were collected on August 6, 2014, from the original routine sample location, 1598 Sierra Court, and from the Crocker Mountain Well. All of these samples showed the presence total coliform bacteria. It appears that the sample collected from the well was collected in such a way that it was most likely water from the distribution system instead of being water directly from the well. Therefore, three additional samples were collected from the well on August 8, 2014. These samples were found to be absent of total coliform bacteria.

District personnel inspected the well head and distribution system for obvious signs of contamination, however, no cause for the contamination was found. On August 8, 2014, District personnel disinfected and flushed the entire distribution system. Routine sampling of the distribution system since that time has shown the water to be absent of total coliform bacteria.

For more information please contact GLCSD operator Stacy Domaille, (530) 832-5225.

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number: **01-02-14C-010**

Name of Water System: **GLCSD – Crocker/Welch**

System Number: **3200107**

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of August 2014. In addition, I certify that the GLCSD – Crocker/Welch water system complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

<u>Required Action</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
Public Notification, as required by Directive 2(a)	_____
Public Notification, as required by Directive 2(b)	_____
_____	_____
Signature of Water System Representative	Date

Attach a copy of the notice delivered to water system customers and a copy of the notice published in the newspaper.

<p>THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN April 30, 2015.</p>
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Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.